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**Subject:** Senate Bill 885

Dear Senators,

We strongly support Senate Bill 885. We serve on a rural ambulance corps in Grand Marais, Michigan, and our nearest hospital is 50 miles away in Newberry. An ambulance run takes a minimum of an hour to reach the hospital, and during the winter this time is often longer due to road conditions. Backcountry rescues and snowmobile accidents add additional time as the patient must first be located, then moved to the ambulance using rescue equipment, then transported.

The provisions of this bill will allow us to give better care to patients who desperately need it. Licensed Paramedics, for example, will be able to use their skills to help stabilize a patient during the trip to the hospital and prepare them for hospital care. Rural Emergency Medical Services have unique challenges due to distance from care, and Senate Bill 885 addresses some of these unique challenges.

Senate Bill 885, to put it simply, will save lives. The people of Michigan deserve the best care we can give them.

We strongly urge the passage of this bill. Thank you for your sponsorship and support.

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